

## DONALD DUMMER TIMELINE

- 1964                                      Ordained
- 8/25/1975 – Associate Pastor, Church of the Assumption, Richfield, MN (ARCH 036924)
- 11/20/1979 – Vicar Substitute, Church of the Assumption, Richfield, MN (ARCH 036891)
- 11/21/1980 – Temporary Administrator, Church of the Assumption, Richfield, MN (ARCH 036940)
- 7/30/1996 – Dummer presented by Fr. David Kalert, OMI, for faculties in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis (ARCH 036880)
- 8/7/1996                                      Memo from Sister Dominica to Flynn indicates that Dummer is a “difficult character” and will participate in a “growth program” with Dolores Rockers in an “attempt to deal with some of his odd patterns.” (ARCH 036945)
- 8/10/1996 – In residence, St. Mary’s Parish, St. Paul, MN (ARCH 036937)
- 11/22/1996                                      Report regarding Dummer’s inappropriate behavior indicates that Dummer, after watching a male jogger in revealing jogging shorts go by, asked an elderly lady several times how her sex life was and whether she was getting enough. (ARCH 036934)
- Early 1997                                      A January 2002 letter indicates that in early 1997, a part-time employee at St. Mary’s came across a number of **VCR movies in Dummer’s room. The employee was “shocked” by one of the videos which depicted 10-12 year-old boys playing basketball nude.**
- Out of concern, the employee called the Archbishop’s office and was told the Vicar General, Father Kevin McDonough, would handle the matter. **The employee turned the videos over to the Archdiocese Chancery.** The employee followed up with McDonough who didn’t talk of addressing the issue; nothing further was heard about the matter. (ARCH 036871-73)
- 8/1/1997 – Chaplain, St. Paul-Ramsey Medical Center, St. Paul (ARCH 036906)
- 9/12/1997                                      Letter from Fr. Tom Singer, OMI to McDonough responding to McDonough’s recent telephone inquiry regarding Dummer. Singer indicates he is not aware of any specific acting out by Dummer toward people in his pastoral care or that he has sexualized any of his relationships with parishioners or the faithful. (ARCH 036902)

- Early 1998 A January 2002 letter indicates that a part-time employee at St. Mary's **found more videos in Dummer's room in early 1998, including a video depicting "homosexual acts between teenagers about 18 or 19 years old."** The employee **called McDonough and dropped the videos off with his secretary.** When the employee did not hear from McDonough, he called him; **McDonough indicated that he destroyed the videos.** (ARCH 036871)
- 1/25/2002 **Letter from a woman (Catholic Parents Online ("CPO")) to Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo of the Vatican's Apostolic Nunciature (Vatican's Embassy) enclosing letter describing concerns about Dummer's possible perpetration of "sexual child abuse."** The author of the enclosed letter went to CPO pleading for assistance because he was not heard among the local hierarchy. **Also encloses 3 videos in a plastic bag.** (ARCH 036874)
- January 2002 Letter from part-time employee at St. Mary's enclosed in the woman's letter to Vatican's Embassy. **Letter describes the videos of nude boys playing basketball and sex between teenagers found in Dummer's room and how they were provided to McDonough.** Letter states: "I believe Father Dummer to be dangerous to be in a parish where he comes in contact with YOUTH, and also his contact with children at Regents [sic] Hospital." (ARCH 036871-73)
- 2/4/2002 **Letter from Vatican's Embassy to Archbishop Flynn enclosing a copy of the January 25th letter, two letters written by the part-time employee at St. Mary's, 3 videos of a questionable nature,** and a packet of pictures. Montalvo indicates that due to the woman's association with CPO, there is **potential for public scandal.** **The Vatican's Embassy also requests that in any consultation Flynn might have, he not reference the Vatican's Embassy in order to maintain confidentiality.** (ARCH 036920)
- 2/13/2002 Letter from Fr. Hitpas, O.M.I. superior, to Flynn regarding Hitpas' meeting with Dummer. Dummer denies possessing any kind of child pornography. **Fr. Hitpas says that he will dispose of Dummer's tapes.** (ARCH 036879)
- 3/6/2002 Letter from Archbishop Flynn to the Vatican's Embassy describing Flynn's response to his receipt of complaints involving Dummer. **Flynn encloses the Hiptas letter stating that he will dispose of Dummer's tapes.** Flynn concludes by noting that he will call a meeting between himself, Dummer, and Dummer's superior. (ARCH 036936)

- 3/26/2002      **Letter from the Vatican’s Embassy to Flynn acknowledging Flynn’s reply of March 6, 2002.** The Vatican Embassy requests to be informed of any further developments with regard to Dummer. (ARCH 036910)
- 4/3/2002      Letter from Flynn to the Vatican’s Embassy regarding Flynn’s meeting with Dummer and Hitpas. Dummer will move from St. Mary’s Rectory into the local Superior for the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, where he will “experience more supervision.” Hitpas will be Dummer’s supervisor. Flynn does not believe that the matter needs any further attention except the ongoing supervision of Father Dummer. (ARCH 036933)
- 4/12/2002      Letter from the Vatican’s Embassy to Flynn thanking Flynn for informing him that Hitpas has agreed to be Dummer’s supervisor. (ARCH 036923)
- 8/24/2006      Letter from Fr. Ruff (Director of Chaplaincy Services at Regions Hospital) to Flynn expressing his desire to terminate Dummer’s chaplaincy due to his rudeness and insensitivity. (ARCH 036911-12)
- 9/12/2006      Letter from Flynn to Fr. Lougen regarding Lougen’s receipt of Flynn’s information concerning Dummer’s termination at Regions Hospital. “I, too, am always sad when a priest’s ministry must be terminated, but there are times when his continuation in that ministry would be too damaging to the people he is called to serve.” (ARCH 036928)
- 9/29/2006 – Chaplaincy at Regions Hospital terminated; Withdrawal of Dummer’s ordinary faculties to minister as a priest in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis (ARCH 036931)
- 1/11/2013      Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Personal Profile for Donald Dummer, OMI notes that Dummer does not have faculties and left the Archdiocese in 2010. (ARCH 22418; 036898)